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## **Senator Sikkema Offers Statement on Passing of Frank Fitzgerald**

**Lansing** - Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, offered the following statement on the passing of former State Rep. Frank M. Fitzgerald:

“As I try to reconcile this shocking news, I want to express my sincere condolences to his wife Ruth and their children Ellen and John.

“Frank and I shared a special bond as part of the leadership team in the state House in the mid-1990s. I remember serving on numerous committees with Frank and facing a number of tough issues together. He was a fabulous leader and a tremendous colleague. His death is a huge loss to Michigan. He was a man of extraordinary talent who was proudly carrying on a family legacy of public service to the state he loved.”

Sikkema and Fitzgerald were a team of five new Republicans elected to the state House of Representatives in 1986. The other three representatives were Bill Martin, Susan Munsell and Joanne Emmons. Fitzgerald served as speaker pro-tem during Sikkema’s tenure as majority floor leader in the House.

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